

A Club in South East London  
for people interested  
in wood carving

Visitors are very welcome

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# WOODEN TOPS

## Newsletter

October 2018

We meet at:

St Johns United Reform Church Hall  
Lynwood Grove Orpington BR6 0BG

We meet on:

The first Saturday of each month  
with additional 'carve-only' meetings  
on many other months.

Full details of our meetings and  
much more on our website.

### Picture of the Month: Bali Woodcarving - Ukiran dari kayu



Is this the Club's reaction when we've forgotten it's OUR turn to buy cakes for the meeting? No. Published by Françoise Gatillon on September 17, 2015, 13:11 pm and from the website <http://balibalik.over-blog.com/2015/09/sculpture-sur-bois-ukiran-dari-kayu.html>, this is a Balinese carving.

The site has the description:

*Sculpture in the strain of a teak and sometimes a hibiscus. A lion, a demon that springs from the roots or Bhoma (Boma), Javanese Hindu Mythology who would be the mysterious power of the great tree.*



## Storing your Grinder/Finisher in a Small Workshop

Many of us have grinders or felt wheel polishers to hone our gouges at home. But these pieces of kit take up a lot of bench space. If you are short of room, this idea might help. The whole idea is that, when not in use, you store your grinder UNDER the bench, swivelling it up on hinges, when you need it. It's from <https://www.familyhandyman.com/workshop/workshop-storage/small-workshop-storage-solutions/view-all/>, whose writer says:

Grinders are great tools, but if your shop is cramped, their occasional use doesn't justify a permanent corner of your workbench. Try hinging your grinder to keep it handy but out of the way when not in use. A pair of 6-in. strap hinges and a 12-in. hook and eye with an extra eyebolt are all you need to build this swing-up grinder base. First, bend one strap of each hinge. Hold the hinges in place and mark the bend. Then clamp each hinge in a vice so the mark is just above the jaws and hammer it over. Mount the grinder on a block of wood and mortise in the hinges with a router or chisel so the block sits flat on your bench. Add an eye bolt toward the back of the block and mount the hook and eye under the bench top to hold the grinder in place when it's stored.



**Morbid Wood Joke (from <https://worstjokesever.com/wood/>)**

**So a guy is walking with a young boy into the woods.**

**Boy: "hey mister, it's getting dark out and I'm scared"**

**Man: "how do you think I feel, I have to walk back alone"**

## Where Can We Buy This?

I caught this posted on <https://atelierdubricoleur.wordpress.com/2018/08/18/mini-router-bit-drawers-mini-tiroirs-pour-fraises-de-toupie/>. And I thought: 'What a good idea!

Tweezers and a magnifying glass in one tool. The writer posted:

It's used to remove splinters. I had to use it to remove floor board chips from one of my fingers.

But I'm sure its useful for a lot more than that.

Do you know this tool? Where is it obtainable?

Let me know please if you know where these can be purchased.





# Cudham Show

Ann reports:

The Cudham Show [Bank Holiday Monday] went very well. We arrived to set up to find we were next to bell ringers with a large set of hefty bells they were setting up. After an initial bother of the gazebo bending and breaking as we erected it, despite Derek having checked it carefully beforehand, he fixed it once again with Laurie and Mary and Grahame all hanging onto bits. Thank goodness for gaffer tape.

When the bell ringers announced joyfully that they would be playing all afternoon, I popped over to the organisers to find a new spot over the other side!! We carried everything over to the new site, right near the pizza stand and the coffee stand - which was excellent.

All day we were chatting to very interested people and Mary was absorbed in teaching soap carving non-stop.

She was doing a brilliant job. The children were silently engrossed and having a lovely time. Apart from a few strong gusts of wind as we started, the weather was kind to us. Many thanks to everyone who attended to help. Lots of interest was shown in joining us.

Sadly, this outing was the last for our trusty gazebo, which has had to be consigned to the bin. So the Club is looking for ways to raise money to buy a new one (see last page).





# Giuseppe Rumerio

According to <http://clicker.in/2016/05/21/giuseppe-rumerio-wood-carving-sculptor-art/>, Italy's Giuseppe Rumerio is considered as one of the world's greatest animal sculptors working in wood. He owns a studio in Ortisei in Val Gardena where wood craftsmanship has been an age-old tradition in this part of the area and hence Giuseppe too got indulged in this form of art.

Giuseppe started off practicing with these skills at the age of 14 and today he holds over 30+ years of artistic experience. He began his career as an apprentice carver, but as the day passed with every carving his talent began to catch the eye of the world. Today he's a master carver with an UNIKA Mark award under his belt sealing the authenticity of his hand crafted sculptures. His work stands out from other renowned carving artists

Giuseppi has carved all sizes. His natural style of work reflects his passion for observing animals. To view more of his wonderful work, please visit his website: <http://www.wood-sculptor.info/> or [https://vk.com/album-75748661\\_211328949](https://vk.com/album-75748661_211328949)



# The Club



Due to the unplanned demise of our trusty gazebo (see page 3) , we need to think of ways to raise cash to buy a new one. If you have any ideas, tell us at the next club meeting, or email Ann or one of the committee (details below)

## Christmas Meal

This year we will have a buffet in the hall we meet in – everyone to bring a dish please. The date of the meal will be **Saturday 8 December** – that's **ONE WEEK AFTER** our December Club meeting on 1 December.

## No-frills Meetings

Most months we have a 'No-frills' carving meeting on a Saturday morning. Attendance is OK, but could be better, and as the room costs us money to hire, we have to think seriously about whether we can afford these additional meetings. At the moment we can, but please try to support these if you are free to come. They are a great way to do some serious uninterrupted carving in peace!

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### Ideas to attract new members

Leave an old carving magazine in your doctor's or dentist's waiting room with a note on the front cover saying where and when the Club meets.

- Leave a carving on your mantle piece. When visitors to your home arrive, use it as a conversation piece and mention the Club
- Mention carving to people in other clubs you might belong to.
- Think of a few ideas yourself and mention them in the group session at our next meeting

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Cakes for October meeting:

Derek

**The next Main Meeting**  
(Carving, coffee & cake, an opportunity to bring guests and potential new members) will be from  
**9am to 1pm,**  
**Saturday 6 October 2018**

**All our meeting dates and other information are shown on our website [www.woodentopswoodcarvers.co.uk](http://www.woodentopswoodcarvers.co.uk)**



Members are reminded that if they demonstrate at an event on their own, they **MUST** tell Leader Ann to help ensure they are fully covered by the provisions of the insurance arrangements in place.